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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1030 Meriwether Avenue #10





**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant apartment fire at 1030 Meriwether Avenue, Friday, April 30, 2021 at 3:15 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story apartments. Seventeen (17) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-two (42) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:51 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

Six (6) units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$175,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in apartment #10. This fire is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <a href="https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/">https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/</a> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.